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THE CAROLINAS ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING BECOMES NIGP'S NEWEST CHAPTER AFFILIATE

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On July 31, 2003, the Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing (CAGP) officially became the newest Chapter affiliate of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP). NIGP President, Jean A. Clark, CPPO, CPPB, C.P.M., CPM presented the Chapter Charter during a ceremony held during the CAGP Summer Conference in New Bern, North Carolina.

The Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing becomes the 86th Chapter chartered by the Institute since its inception in 1944. NIGP now has 69 active affiliate chapters representing over 12,000 procurement professionals from the federal government, cities, states, provinces, counties, colleges, libraries, hospitals, and other public agencies in the United States, Canada and around the world.

Chapter President Chris Payne, C.P.M., CLGPO, Assistant Purchasing Director for the City of Greensboro, NC stated: "The Carolinas Association of Governmental Purchasing (CAGP) has chosen to chart a new course in becoming an affiliate chapter of NIGP. This is a tremendous opportunity in that the affiliation will open new opportunities for our association. We will now have greater access to all of the tools, education, publications, networking and technical assistance that NIGP offers. These tools will help us do our jobs more effectively and efficiently, raise the level of professionalism and ensure that the processes and methods used will stand up under the strictest scrutiny both locally and nationally." Special thanks to Mehl W. Renner, CPPO, C.P.M., Purchasing Agent, City of Charlotte, NC, for his support and guidance in reaffiliating the Carolinas Association with the national Institute. For more information on CAGP membership services visit the chapter on the web at www.cagponline.org/home.asp

NIGP is committed to building a stronger public procurement profession through the development of new NIGP chapters throughout North America. Persons interested in forming a new chapter in their community or region should contact Cyndi Cooksey, NIGP's Chapter Development and Support Director, at (800) FOR-NIGP x232 or ccooksey@nigp.org